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SUBJ: 31ST UNGA: SECOND COMMITTEE: HABITAT

1. WE HAVE BEEN HANDED IN CONFIDENCE THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION ON INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS. THIS DRAFT REFLECTS THE POSITION OF SECRETARY GENERAL ENRIQUE PENALOSA WHICH HE WILL AGGRESSIVELY PUSH. A NUMBER OF PROPOSAL IN THIS DRAFT ARE OBJECTIONABLE AND IN CONFLICT WITH THE U.S. POSITION. WE EXPECT THAT SEVERAL OTHER DRAFT PROPOSAL WILL SURFACE OVER THE WEEKEND. USDEL IS IN PROCESS OF COMPOSING IT OWN ROUGH DRAFT WHICH WE SHALL DISCUSS WITH THE DEPARTMENT. IN THAT TEXT WE SHALL ENDEAVOR TO EMBRACE THE U.S. POSITON AND STEER CLEAR OF THOSE PROPOSALS WHICH WE KNOW ARE DESTINED TO ENCOUNTER HEAVY OPPOSITION FROM ONE OR MORE INTERESTED PARTIES.

2. QTE: (XXXI). INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON
HABITAT: UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, 1/
TAKING NOTE ALSO OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2040 (LXI) OF 5 AUGUST 1976,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE HABITAT CONFERENCE, IN
PARTICULAR THE ANNEX 2/ ATTACHED TO CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 1
ON PROGRAMMES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION,

NOTING THAT THE CONFERENCE HAD ADOPTED THE PREAMBLE
AND SECTIONS I-IX OF THE ABOVE RESOLUTION BY CONSENSUS
BUT HAD LEFT IT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-
FIRST SESSION TO TAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON THE REMAINING
SECTION X CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION LINK AND LOCATION OF
THE CENTRAL HUMAN SETTLEMENTS SECRETARIAT,

NOTING THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL
IMPLICATIONS OF THE LATERATIVE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS
PROPOSED IN RESOLUTION 1 ADOPTED BY HABITAT: UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, 3/

BEARING IN MIND THE PROPOSALS UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM WILL
HAVE FAR REACHING IMPLICATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM
AS A WHOLE;

RECOGNIZING THAT THE MOMENTUM OF HABITAT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED
AND A DECISION ON THE BASIC ISSUES CANNOT BE POSTPONED,

II

INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

1. ENDORSES THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE AS
CONTAINED IN THE PREAMBLE AND SECTIONS 1 TO IX OF THE
RESOLUTION;

2. DECIDES TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION (BOARD) FOR HUMAN
SETTLEMENTS AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL IN PLACE OF THE EXISTING
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING COMPOSED OF
(58) MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THREE-
YEAR TERMS AND ON THE BASIS OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL
DISTRIBUTION;

3. REQUESTS THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO DISSOLVE
ITS EXISTING COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING,
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION (BOARD) FOR HUMAN
SETTLEMENTS;

4. DECIDES THAT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMISSION (BOARD)
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BE CONVENED IN 1977 AND ITS REPORT BE SUBMITTED TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-SECOND SESSION.

II

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS SECRETARIAT

1. DECIDES THAT A HUMAN SETTLEMENTS SECRETARIAT SHALL BE
ESTABLISHED WITH THE EXISTING EXPERIENCES AND RESOURCES OF
THE CENTRE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING, THE RESOURCES
OF THE FOUNDATION AND RELEVANT POSTS OF ESA AND OTC

IN THE UNITED NATIONS, EXCEPTING THOSE MENTIONED IN 18(B)
OF THE CONFERENCE RESOLUTION TO SERVE AS A FOCAL POINT
FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS ACTION AND CO-ORDINATION WITHIN
THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM;

2. DECIDES THAT THE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS SECRETARIAT SHALL
BE HEADED BY AN UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL (ASSISTANT-SECRETARY-
GENERAL) WHO SHALL BE NOMINATEE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
AND WHO SHALL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE
MANAGEMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT COMPRISING OF THE ABOVE
MENTIONED RESOURCES UNDER THE OVERALL DIRECTION OF THE
COMMISSION (BOARD) FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS;

3. DECIDES FURTHER THAT THE UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL
(ASSISTANT-SECRETARY-GENERAL) SHALL REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS;

4. DECIDES THAT THE TOTAL CONSOLIDATION OF ACTIVITIES
AND LOCATIONAL ISSUES BE TAKEN UP IN TWO STAGES; AND AS A
FIRST STEP CONSOLIDATE THE PROGRAMME AND RESOURCES OF THE
CENTRE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING WITH THE RELATED
RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS,
INCLUDING THOSE OF THE OFFICE FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION,
UNDER THE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS SECRETARIAT IN NEW YORK;

5. ALSO DECIDES THAT THE COMPLETE PHYSICAL CONSOLIDATION
OF THE TWO UNITS IN NEW YORK AND NAIROBI BE CARRIED OUT IN
THE SECOND STAGE; AND TO CONSIDER THE LOCATION OF THE INTEGRATED
UNIT AT ITS THIRTY-SECOND SESSION, TAKING FULL ACCOUNT
OF THE RESTRUCTURING PROPOSALS, FINANCIAL AND RELATED ISSUES;

III

REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION

1. DECIDES THAT A PROPORTION OF THE TOTAL HUMAN AND
BUDGETARY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE HUMAN SETTLEMENT SECT
BE PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS
FOR THEIR PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD
OF HUMAN SETTLEMENT;
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IV

COORDINATION BETWEEN THE PROGRAMMES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

1. RECOGNIZING THE COMPLEXITY OF INTERRELATIONSHIP
AND INTERACTION BETWEEN NATURAL AND MAN MADE ENVIRONMENTS
OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS;

2. FURTHER RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO ESTABLISH CLOSE
WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PROGRAMMES OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND THOSE IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS;

3. DECIDES THAT THE BUREAU OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL
PROGRAMME AND THE COMMISSION (BOARD) ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
MEET FIRST IN 1978 AND EVERY SECOND YEAR THEREAFTER TO ENSURE
CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP AND MONITORING OF ACTIVITIES IN
AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST AND EXPLORE ALL AREAS OF COOPERATION
INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT PROGRAMMES;

4. FURTHER DECIDES THAT THE EXECUTIVE HEADS OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS REPORT IN ALTERNATE YEARS TO THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL BODY OF THE OTHER ORGANIZATION ON THE WORK OF THEIR OWN ORGANIZATION;

5. ALSO DECIDES THAT THE STAFF RESOURCES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME NOW DEVOTED TO HUMAN SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES CONTINUE TO REMAIN WITH THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME TO ENABLE IT TO EXERCISE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION ASPECTS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS;

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